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SUBJECT: REPORTED VIETNAMESE REFOULEMENT OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

1. AMONG THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE ARRIVED FROM VIET-NAM IN RECENT MONTHS ARE SOMEWHAT OVER 100 CAMBODIANS, PRESENTLY AT LAEM SING BOAT CAMP IN CHATHABURI PROVINCE. THEY CAME AFTER LIVING IN POCKETS ALONG THE VIETNAMESE BORDER EVER SINCE FLEEING CAMBODIA. THERE WERE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE WAY THE SRV TREATED THEM, BY AND LARGE. ALTHOUGH THEY RECEIVED NO FOOD OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE CAMBODIANS REPORTED THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO EKE OUT A LIVING BY OBTAINING DAY WORK AND THE LIKE AS COMMON LABORERS. IN MOST CASES, THEY APPEAR TO HAVE FLED TO THAILAND BECAUSE THEY FOUND THE LACK OF PERSONAL FREEDOM IN VIET-NAM TOO CONFINING AFTER SOME TIME.

2. CAMBODIANS WHO DEPARTED HA TIEN DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER REPORTED WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS A CHANGE IN THE VIETNAMESE POLICY TOWARD CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, HOWEVER. ONE SAID HE OBSERVED TWO TRUCKLOADS OF CAMBODIANS WHO WERE
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BLINDFOLDED AND HAD THEIR HANDS BOUND BEHIND THEIR BACKS BEING FORCIBLY SENT BACK ACROSS THE BORDER FROM HA TIEN INTO CAMBODIA LAST MONTH. HE SAID THESE WERE AVERAGE REFUGEES WHO SEEMED TO HAVE NO DISTINGUISHING COMMON FEATURE WHICH WOULD MARK THEM PARTICULARLY AS TARGETS FOR FORCED REPATRIATION. ANOTHER REFUGEE WHO ARRIVED IN THAILAND AFTER THE PERSON TELLING THE ABOVE STORY ADDED THAT

HE FLED VIET-NAM WHEN HE LEARNED HE WAS SLATED TO BE IN THE NEXT GROUP OF REPATRIATIONS. THE HA TIEN REFUGEES WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT A NEW POLICY OF RETURNING PEOPLE TO CAMBODIA HAS BEEN INITIATED, FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY SIGNS AMONG CAMBODIAN REFUGEES NEWLY ARRIVING FROM VIET-NAM WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE AND/OR CONTINUATION OF SUCH A POLICY.
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